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Brown congratulates local winners of agriculture grants

LANSING – Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, congratulates local recipients of the Julian-Stille Agriculture Innovation Grants, which are used to enhance or improve the overall value of Michigan-grown commodities through food or agricultural processing activities.

Area awards include \$250,000 for Custom Agri Systems in Reading, \$25,000 for Lenawee County, and \$315,000 for L. Walther & Sons, Inc. in Three Rivers.

“Agriculture is the second largest contributor to Michigan’s economy and a vitally important part of the 16th Senate District’s livelihood,” said Brown, chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture. “Through updates and improvements to technology, marketing and facilities, the funds from these grants will allow agriculture-based businesses to thrive and grow.”

Eligible applicants for the grants include individuals, farmer-owned cooperatives, partnerships, limited liability companies, private or public corporations, and local units of government for projects designed to establish, retain, expand, attract, or develop value-added agricultural processing and related agricultural production operations in this state.

Grants were awarded in the following categories: Technical Assistance, Facility Improvements, Market Research, Business Plan and Facility/Land.

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